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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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06/12/2013: Look for Jeff, K8ND, to be active as PJ2T from the Signal Point contest station, Curacao Island (SA-099, WLOTA 0942) during the ARRL 160-Meter Contest (6-8 December). Plans are for a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL goes via W3HNK. [CCC]

06/12/2013: Fabio, PP5BZ, will be activating Santana de Fora Island (SA-088, DIB SC-10), in Imbituba/SC, between 6-9th December 2013 using the callsign ZW5W. It will be a Mini-DXpedition! Fabio will use some days of his holidays to make some contacts and to pass time on a few different days. QRV on 80-10 metre CW and SSB, possibly some RTTY. QSL via home call, direct or bureau - please NO eQSL. Website: www.qrz.com/db/ZW5W [PP5BZ]

07/12/2013: Look for Alan VK4WR as E6RQ and Graeme VK4FI as E6SG to be active from the Coral Gardens Motel, Alofi, Niue Island (OC-040, WLOTA 2139 WW Loc. AH50AX) between 7-17th December, 2013. QRV holiday style on the HF bands. QSL both calls via VK4FI, direct (SAE + $2 US POSTAGE). [DX World]

07/12/2013: On Saturday December 7th 2013 Flemming, OZ5FM and Jakob, OZ7AEI plan to activate Hald Soe (WWFF OZFF-103). Hald Soe is one of the deepest lakes in Central Jutland, Denmark. They will be on the air with 2 stations and hope to start around 7:00 UTC for 5 to 6 hours. Look for them to be QRV on 80m + 40m + 20m + 17m + (15m + 10m only if open) SSB. QSL via home calls, bureau or direct. [OZ7AEI]

07/12/2013: Manuel XE2HUQ, Saul XE2HQI, Craig XE2HWJ and Felix XE2I plan to be active from Partida Island (NA-124), La Paz, Baja California Sur, Mexico, as XF1P between 7-14th December, 2013. Full details to follow.. [DX News]

07/12/2013: Mark, AA1AC, will once again be active as 6W/AA1AC from La Calao Resort, La Somone, Senegal, between 8-14th December, 2013. QSL direct or bureau to his home callsign. [OPDX Bulletin]

07/12/2013: Jose, PU5IKE, will be active from Remedios Island [Ilha dos Remedios] (SA-027, WW Loc. GG53RM), Santa Catarina State, Brazil, as ZW5AAA between 7-8th December, 2013. QRV on 10 metre SSB. Jose will also activate the Ilha da Paz lighthouse (ARLHS BRA-137) following the line-of-sight rules. QSL to PU5IKE, direct, via the bureau, LoTW and eQSL. QSLs from SWLs are wellcome. Website: www.qrz.com/db/ZW5AAAA [DX World]

09/12/2013: Operators Mike KI1U (8P9IU), Bruce K0BJ (8P9BJ) and Mike N1TA (8P9TA) will be active from the island of Barbados (NA-021, WLOTA 0999), on all bands and modes, from 9-16 December 2013. This will include a Multi-Op entry in the ARRL 10M Contest (14-15 December), using the callsign 8P8T. QSL via the individual operators' home call. QSL 8P8T via KI1U. [DXAT]

09/12/2013: Freddy, FK8RO (F5IRO), will be active as FK8RO/p from Ouvea Island (OC-033, DIFO FK-018) on 9-13 December 2013. He plans to be QRV on 40-10 metres CW with wire antennas. QSL via QSL via F5IRO, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

11/12/2013: Scott, K7ZO, will once again sign YN5Z from San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, between 11-18th December 2013 on 20-10 metres, using spiderbeaam. He will also participate in the ARRL 10-Meter Contest (14-15 December). QSL via K7ZO and LoTW. [NG3K]

11/12/2013: A "fresh crew" will operate the ARRL 10 Meter Contest during the weekend of 14-15th December 2013 as PJ2T from the Signal Point super-station, island of Curacao (SA-099, WLOTA 0942). Operators Mark N5OT, Dave W6DR, Yin N9YS, Mike NT6X and Geoff W0CG (PJ2DX) will mostly arrive on 11th December. Outside the contest the team will be active as PJ2/homecalls. QSL PJ2T via W3HNK and LoTW. QSL others via their home calls. [OPDX Bulletin]

LOOKING AHEAD -

15/12/2013: Anders, SM4KYN, will be active from the Signal Point contest station, island of Curacao (SA-099, WLOTA 0942) between 15th December 2013 and 15th January 2014. QRV on all HF bands and modes, propagation allowing. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [CCC]

21/12/2013: Imam YB4IR, Budi YF1AR and Joppy YB8XM plan to be active as YB4IR/8, YF1AR/8 and YB8XM/p, respectively, from Kisar Island (OC-272, WW Loc. PI31NW) from 21-25 December 2013. They will be QRV on 40-10 metre CW and SSB. QSL YB4IR/8 direct to YB4IR and also via OQRS, LoTW and the bureau. QSL YF1AR/8 and YB8XM/p via home calls (see QRZ.com). [JN6RZM]

17/01/2014: Jeff, K8ND, will once again be active from the Signal Point contest station, island of Curacao (SA-099, WLOTA 0942) as PJ2/K8ND between 17-29th January 2014. This will include a Single-Op entry in the CQWW 160-Meter CW Contest (24-26 January), using the callsign PJ2T. QSL via home call and LoTW. QSL PJ2T via W3HNK and LoTW. [CCC]

24/02/2014: Look for Klaus, DK1AX and Heidi, DK1MA to be active holiday style as A35AX from Tongatapu (OC-049) and Vava'u (OC-064), between 24 February and 7 March 2014. Plans are to be active on the HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via ClubLog OQRS is preferred. [DX World]

25/02/2014: Alan, G3XAQ, will return to Kampala, Uganda, and operate as 5X1XA between 25th February and 16 March 2014. CW only activity on the HF bands. Alan will also participate in the RSGB Commonwealth Contest (8-9 March). QSL via G3SWH OQRS and LoTW. Log will be hosted by ClubLog. [NG3K]

03/03/2014: Bob, G3PJT, will once again sign J34G from the Coral Cove area of L'Anse aux Epines, island of Grenada (NA-024, WLOTA 0718, WW Loc. FK92CA) from 3-10 March 2014. QRV holiday style on the HF bands, including an entry in the RSGB Commonwealth Contest (8-9 March). There is also the possibility of some SOTA activity. QSL only via G3PJT by email (bob [AT] g3pjt.com) request for bureau, cards not required. If you want a direct QSL - send QSO info plus 2USD and SASE to Bob Whelan, 36 Green End, Comberton, Cambridge CB23 7DY, England. Please note that Bob do NOT accept IRCs. [DXAT]

18/04/2014: Tim, LW9EOC, plans activity from San Andres Island (NA-033, WLOTA 2990, WWFF HKFF-035) as HK0/LW9EOC between 18-25th April 2014. QRV on 80-10m CW and SSB. QSL via home call. [DXAT]

SPECIAL EVENTS -

06/12/2013: Special callsign HA40QRP is currently active until 31 December 2013 for the jubilee celebration of the 40th HA QRP Contest. QSL via HA6NL, eQSL and direct (QRZ.com). [DXNL]

08/12/2013: Look for special event station 8J6HAM to be aired between 8th December 2013 and 2nd March 2014, on all bands and modes, for the 13th West Japan Ham Fair, island of Kyushu (AS-077, WLOTA 0963), Japan. QSL via the bureau is preferred. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

11/12/2013: Operators Jose EA5FL, Sal EA5DY, Nando EA5GVZ and Juan EC5JC will activate special event station EG5MM on 11th December 2013 to celebrate International Mountain Day (See QRZ.com for details). QSL via EA5FL. [OPDX Bulletin]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

06/12-08/12 PJ2T: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL W3HNK (d)
07/12-17/12 E6RQ: Niue Island WLOTA:2139 QSL VK4FI (d)
07/12-17/12 E6SG: Niue Island WLOTA:2139 QSL VK4FI (d)
07/12-08/12 ZW5AAA: Ilha da Paz WLOL:BRA-137 QSL PU5IKE (d/B)
08/12-09/12 JA4GXS/6: Yonakuni Shima WLOTA:1035 QSL H/c (d/B)
09/12-16/12 8P9BJ: Barbados Island WLOTA:0999 QSL K0BJ (d/B)
09/12-16/12 8P9IU: Barbados Island WLOTA:0999 QSL KI1U (d/B)
09/12-16/12 8P9TA: Barbados Island WLOTA:0999 QSL N1TA (d/B)
11/12-15/12 PJ2/N5OT: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL H/c (d)
11/12-15/12 PJ2/N9YS: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL H/c (d)
11/12-15/12 PJ2/NT6X: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL H/c (d)
11/12-15/12 PJ2/W6DR: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL H/c (d)
11/12-15/12 PJ2DX: Curacao Island WLOTA:0942 QSL W0CG (d)

6 METRES & UP -

08/12 RSGB 144MHz AFS Contest Single Op Fixed/Open 1000z-1700z
08/12 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon QRO/QRP/6m class 1200z-2359z
10/12 LY 432MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
10/12 NRAU 432MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
10/12 RSGB 432MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
11/12 MOON Contest 432MHz CW/Digital/FM/SSB 1900z-2100z
12/12 LY 50MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
12/12 NRAU 50MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_dec.html

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

QSL INFO -

QSLs via Bureau: 3DA0VB, 4K0VB, 5H3VMB, 5X1NH, 5X1VB, 5Z4/UA4WHX, 7Q7VB, 7P8D, 8Q7TE, 9J2VB, 9U5VB, 9X0VB, A25VB, A61BK, AH0J, C91VB, D20VB, EL2LF, FH/DL7BC, FP/M0VFC, FY/F5HRY, H44G, J20VB, JD1BLY, JD1BMH, OD5/UA4WHX, P29ZL, PJ2/G3TXF, ST2VB, T5TC, T88XC, TO7BC, V5/DK1CE, VK9C/G6AY, XX9LT, YI1RZ, Z2/UA4WHX and ZP8AA.

QSLs via Direct: 5H1DX [AF-063] (DF8DX), 6V7Q (F8IJV), 9L1BTB (SP5BTB), A92HK (cba), E6AK (JA1KJW), E6AY (JA1JQY), ER5LL (QRZ.com), FO/KH0PR [OC-062] (JJ8DEN), FO/KH0PR [OC-094] (JJ8DEN), FO/KH0PR [OC-114] (JJ8DEN), FO/KH0PR [OC-131] (JJ8DEN), FO/KH0PR [OC-238] (JJ8DEN), FW5JJ (F5RXL), SV5PFC (QRZ.com), TI5W (N3YIW), TM0SM (F5CWU), YB9GV/P [OC-150] (EA7FTR OQRS), YF1AR/6 [OC-245] (N2OO) and YF1AR/9 [OC-275] (N2OO).

QSLs via LoTW: C82DX, J34G, J88HL, K9W, KH6/N2AU, KH8/N7AFW, OA4/N7CW, XR0ZR and ZC4LI.

BITS & PIECES -

ARRL Granted Use of W100AW for League's Centennial
Special Bulletin 13 ARLX013
>From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT December 5, 2013
To all radio amateurs
The FCC has authorized the Maxim Memorial Station W1AW to also use the call sign W1??AW during 2014, the ARRL's centennial year. Contacts made from the Maxim Memorial Station in Newington, from regional Centennial conventions, and during the IARU HF Championship will use W100AW, with portable designators as appropriate. The "W1AW WAS" operations throughout 2014 from each of the 50 states will use W1AW, not W1??AW.
Bulletins and code practice transmissions during 2014 also will still use W1AW. Contacts with W100AW will be worth 100 points in the ARRL Centennial QSO Party. To help kick off the ARRL Centennial, special W100AW activity will begin at 0500 UTC on January 1, 2014 (midnight in Newington), and will include participation in ARRL's Straight Key Night; one CW station will use Hiram Percy Maxim's straight key. Activity will continue throughout New Year's Day.

FO/A, AUSTRAL ISLANDS DXPEDITION -
A group of six operators from the UK will operate from the island of Raivavae (OC-114, DIFO FO-122, WLOTA 2581), in the Australs, from 20th March until 1st April, all bands CW, SSB and RTTY. The operators are Don G3BJ, Chris G3SVL, Nigel G3TXF, David G3WGN, Don G3XTT, Hilary G4JKS and Justin G4TSH. They plan to run up to three stations, each consisting of a K3 plus amplifier. Antennas will consist of various vertical systems on the beach. The team will upload logs to Clublog and, bandwidth permitting, will also be uploading to LoTW as the expedition progresses. QSLs will be handled by G3TXF and requests can be made directly or via the Clublog OQRS facility. After the DXpedition most members of the team will be attending the International DX Convention at Visalia. A website will be launched with further details once the callsign and other details are confirmed.

RI20ANT BELLINGSHAUSEN SPECIAL EVENT -
The final action to mark the 20th anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club (RRC) will occur in Antarctica during the period of December 17 to 31. RRC Club members Alexander Kuznetsov RW3RN (RRC #256) and Oleg Neruchev UA3HK/ZS1OIN (RRC #349) will transmit with the jubilee call sign RI20ANT from the Russian Antarctic station "Bellingshausen" on the island of King George (IOTA AN-010). As such, the action starts on December 10 in the Argentinian city of Ushuaia when RW3RN boards the vessel "Sea Explorer" en route Antarctica. As the mayor of Uvarovo City, Tambov oblast, Alexander Kuznetsov is taking along the Tambov "Mother of God" and "St. Pitirim" icons to the Holy Trinity Church, the only Russian Orthodox church in Antarctica. The flag of the Russian Robinson Club will be delivered to the Bellingshausen station as well.
The main activity of RI20ANT on the air is expected to be on 20m SSB and CW. The radio equipment includes a Yaesu FT-1000MP transceiver and an all band antenna. QSL via RW3RN. At the Bellingshausen station, beacon RI1ANG works around the clock on frequency 14101 kHz. If the beacon is heard, you can then call RI20ANT on frequency 14160 kHz +/- QRM. The time difference with Moscow Standard Time is minus 8 hours (MSK-8). For more information about the Russian Bellingshausen station, read the article written by its chief Oleg Neruchev (RI1ANU) "Antarctica, 58th RAE" in the journal "Radio" issue number 10 dated 11/2013 - http://www.radio.ru/.

Radio contacts with RI20ANT count for the "Russian Robinson Club - 20 years" Jubilee Diploma and are worth 3 points (repeatable on different bands), and count for the rule of having one mandatory contact with the main jubilee call R20RRC. Those who did not make the contact with R20RRC have a chance to make it before the end of the year with RI20ANT. Rules for the RRC-20 diploma can be seen on http://www.robinsons.ru/. [UA9OBA]

YJ, VANUATU -
DXped to Vanuatu:
Paul ZL4PW, Phil ZL3PAH and I have begun some early stage planning for a small DXpedition to YJ Vanuatu. We are planning to go for about two weeks, around mid-April 2014.
We are looking for a fourth and final operator. Ideally someone with contest/pileup experience; CW skills would be nice.
We are tentatively planning to operate on all bands from 10 to 160 using CW, SSB and Data.
We chose YJ first because it's on the ClubLog top 100 most wanted list (#91). It's also relatively close and easy to get to; Air NZ flies there, and fares are reasonable. Good lodging right on the beach is available for a fair price. It?s not a desert island, totally removed from civilization; there are some beautiful and interesting things to see.
We're not planning a holiday-type DXped, nor are we after serious all-out competition mode, but rather something in between: operating for long, but not extreme hours every day, with a break or two along the way to do a little sightseeing.
This is likely to be either an unsponsored or very lightly sponsored trip, so each of us will be covering our own expenses.
If you might be interested, please contact me off-list, and we can take it from there.
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73 and Good DX!
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